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Steve Wharry – Scuba and Sharks

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Steve Wharry Classic Memorial Tournament Won by Patel

by Tom Braunlich

Featuring a comfortable and more modern new OCF Tulsa tournament venue, the first memorial tournament honoring the late Steve Wharry debuted at the Wyndham Hotel Tulsa, November 25-26, and was won by IM Advait Patel over a strong field.

Patel's USCF rating went over 2600 at this tournament, and was another in a long list of successes for him this year. He cruised through Open secion, including wins over veteran life master Bill Orton of Fayetteville, AR, and FM Michael Langer from Austin, TX. He was only briefly in trouble in the last round against Joe Dean Veal but skated past that for a 5-0 score and $1000 first prize. Langer finished with 4 points and clear 2nd for $250. Tying for top finishers in the Expert section were **Tom Patton** and **Adonis Turner**. Turner is just

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returning to chess after a six year layoff. Originally from Pittsburg, PA, he recently was graduated from ORU in Tulsa and is now living in Catoosa. He is a nice new addition to the chess scene in Oklahoma.

Joe Veal won the $100 Class A prize with a fine score of 3½, reversing his recent bad results, and was playing on board 1 in the final round. **Cael Province**, a nice youngster from Shawnee, KS, won the B/below prize of $100 with a fine 3½ result.

Gabe Coss had a similarly impressive run to top the small Reserve section, gaining nearly 200 points with his 4½ score. David Morgan and Istvan Szabad tied for second place.

(See crosstables next page).

Making the new venue possible was a generous donation by Harold Brown. Tom Braunlich and Jim Berry directed.

Tributes

Before the last round, a 15-minute tribute to Steve was held, and attended by his wife **Debbie Wharry** as well as many others of his long-time friends, including Jim Markley, Dave Rundle, and Harold Brown.

Alex Relyea and his wife **Nita Patel** traveled here from New Hampshire especially for the event. It was great to see these Honorary Okies again and share stories with them. Alex, as was reported in the OCM last Summer, is the Organizer of the Year for U.S. Chess.

Alex Relyea and Nita Patel (no relation to Advait!)

The tribute to Steve recapped some of the generous contributions he made to chess and events he hosted, such as the 25-year run of

> "The tribute to Steve was wonderful and it was especially nice for me to be able to talk again with so many people who knew him longer than I did, and hear stories of him I hadn't heard before." — Debbie Wharry

the Phillips 66 Classic in Bartlesville (which is the reason why this event is called a "Classic" rather than a "Memorial"). Several people stood to share some favorite memories of Steve.

Door Prizes

Debbie had donated some chess items from Steve to use as door prizes, including two large valuable framed chess artwork prints, both with the theme of chess underwater. Steve had acquired them due to his love of both chess and scuba diving. Bill Orton won one of them, and James Long the other; and Debbie said it was fitting that two people who knew him so long could receive the pictures. Steve's tournament chess set was won by Gabe Coss.

The Grand prize among the door prizes was a seat in the ***GM Timur Gareyev blindfold chess exhbition*** which has tentatively been scheduled for May 18 (Friday evening) in Tulsa, just prior to the FKB Memorial, at the same venue. Istvan Szabad was the lucky winner.

Advait Patel (left) vs. Bill Orton in round 3. Behind is newcomer Adonis Turner (left) vs. Michael Langer.

Annotated games are presented below. Crosstables, and more photos follow…

STEVE WHARRY CLASSIC
Nov. 25-26, 2017 • Tulsa, OK • TD: Tom Braunlich, Jim Berry
Open Section

#	Name	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Advait Patel	2565	2573	OK	W15	W7	W8	W2	W4	5.0
2	Michael Langer	2317	2321	TX	W13	W21	W3	L1	W7	4.0
3	Adonis Turner	2037	2044	OK	W28	W9	L2	W19	D5	3.5
4	Joe Dean Veal	1956	1982	OK	W20	H---	W10	W12	L1	3.5
5	Thomas A Patton	2068	2063	OK	W25	L12	W13	W9	D3	3.5
6	Cael Province	1706	1756	KS	L7	W24	W14	X22	D10	3.5
7	James Long	2011	2028	OK	W6	L1	W25	W8	L2	3.0
8	William Orton III	2200	2200	AR	W16	W14	L1	L7	W15	3.0
9	Sho Glashausser	1833	1839	KS	W23	L3	W17	L5	W16	3.0
10	Shaun Graham-Bowcaster	2001	1995	OK	H---	W18	L4	W14	D6	3.0
11	Benj Calupitan Jr	1614	1687	OK	L14	W15	L21	D13	W22	2.5
12	Shree Ayinala	1805	1827	TX	W24	W5	H---	L4	U---	2.5
13	Krish Kumar	1783	1780	OK	L2	W20	L5	D11	D18	2.0
14	Chris Dooley	1939	1919	OK	W11	L8	L6	L10	W24	2.0
15	Christine Zheng	1787	1783	TX	L1	L11	W18	W23	L8	2.0
16	Ryan Amburgy	1783	1767	OK	L8	L23	W20	W24	L9	2.0
17	Aaron Peters	1527	1553	OK	L19	W28	L9	L18	W26	2.0
18	Danial Smith	1689	1687	OK	H---	L10	L15	W17	D13	2.0
19	Alex Relyea	1800	1799	NH	W17	L22	W23	L3	U---	2.0
20	Curtis Williams Jr	1704	1695	OK	L4	L13	L16	W26	W23	2.0
21	Jim Berry	1879	1885	OK	W26	L2	W11	U---	U---	2.0
22	Michael Nugent	2056	2044	OK	H---	W19	U---	F6	L11	1.5
23	Rubin A Wells	1560	1556	OK	L9	W16	L19	L15	L20	1.0
24	Bruce Wells	1555	1552	OK	L12	L6	W28	L16	L14	1.0
25	Richard Ravits	1743	1742	OK	L5	W26	L7	U---	U---	1.0
26	Les Kline	1600	1559	AR	L21	L25	H---	L20	L17	0.5
27	Tom Braunlich	2209	2209	OK	H---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.5
28	Jim Huang	1719	1677	OK	L3	L17	L24	U---	U---	0.0

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Reserve Section

#	Name	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Gabe A Coss	1259	1433	OK	W2	W8	W5	W3	D4	4.5
2	Istvan Szabad	1499	1490	OK	L1	W9	W8	W7	L5	3.0
3	Stanley M Horton	1514	1508	MO	W4	W6	H---	L1	~---	2.5
4	David Morgan	1334	1343	AR	L3	D5	W9	W6	D1	3.0
5	Oscar Wang	1480	1428	OK	L6	D4	L1	W8	W2	2.5
6	Nihar Ayinala	1223	1234	TX	W5	L3	H---	L4	~---	1.5
7	Nita K Patel	1382	1369	NH	W9	H---	U---	L2	~---	1.5
8	Liko Ironherron	411	410	OK	B---	L1	L2	L5	D9	1.5
9	Landon Corwin	unr.	750	OK	L7	L2	L4	B---	D8	1.5

From Steve Wharry Classic

Left — Gabe Coss, winner of the Reserve section, vs. veteran Stanley Horton.

Middle — Krish Kumar (left), FM Michael Langer (right)

Below — Key 4th round matchups:
Patel — Langer
Behind them is Dallas player Shree Ayinala vs. Joe Veal.

Veteran's Day Memorial in Ft. Smith

by Karis Bellisario
Westark Chess Club

Ed. Note — Here is Karis' report on this one-day event held on November 11 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. It includes a correction about the AR-OK team tournament reported here last month. —TB

Thank you to all who travelled to Fort Smith, as well as all the local players who supported the **Veteran's Day Memorial** 2017. We were graced with **54** players from **5 states: AR, OK, KS, CO, TX**, including Oklahoma's IM **Advait Patel**.

Thank you again to Westark Chess Club and Propak Corporation for the generosity that made our event one that was extra special and extra generous for a one day tournament!

The two Denker reps from AR and OK meet. Oscar She (left) — Advait Patel.

OPEN Section – **IM Advait Patel** (OK) clear 1st place, with 4-0. earning $400; **Tony Davis** (AR) clear 2nd with 3 pts. ($200); **Oscar She** (AR) and **Blake Tanner** (AR) split the $100 3rd place prize with 2.5. An enhancement was added for Top B, which went to **Krish Kumar**.

RESERVE Section – First place was shared by two student players – Arkansas' 2017 Barber Tournament of Champions representative **Ricardo Rivera**, and Oklahoma's young **Oscar Wang** at 3.5 each. The drawn game was against one another. These boys split $450. In

Reserve winners Oscar Wang (OK) and Ricardo Rivera.

clear second, was **Clarence CJ Whitworth** with 3pts, ($75). And the brain-fried TD give out an additional $75, divided among the 4 players in 4th place with 2.5 pts each, putting $18.75 in the pocket of these four players: **Jonathan Carlson, Kenneth Eddy, David Shawn Morgan, Rajasekhar Adderi**.

The rating report is here:
http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201711118112.0-15932291

NOVICE Section– The novice section enjoyed an additional round of play. **Clear winner, with a perfect 5-0,** was **Clay VanVacter** who took home the first place trophy. Tied at 4 pts each were **Maxx Kane** and **Maxim Liachenko**. Kane won the 2nd place trophy on tiebreaks. Liachenko won the gold medallion recognizing the top scoring player rated under 500.

UPSET Award: Luke Bjork (980) defeated Oklahoma's **Aaron Peters** (1462) during the Round 1 Reserve Section win for Luke. Luke received a large transparent **U** award.

SPEED Tournament: To end the day we had a fast and furious 5 Round, *SPEED event (G/5+2)* with 16 players. 1st place $40 cash went to **IM Advait Patel** with 5-0 (making for an undefeated day!), and in clear 2nd place, with 4 points, was Westark Chess Club's own **Blake Tanner** ($20).

Thank you to all the parents who assisted me in some manner during the day, especially Thomas Lee who saved me a lot of up and down. Also an extra special thanks to all who helped clean up and pack up at the end of the day. Extra shout out to IM Advait and his dad, Rupel Patel, who drove quite far from Midwest City, yet were the last ones out of there aside from my main man Pat (can't keep a good Marine down), and sons Kyle & Steven and I. Thank you all!!

Honoring Veterans

And finally, we must all thank our military service men, past and present, whose service provides for us the freedom to enjoy a life of blessing and the opportunity to gather and play a game together. These service men, who spent their Veteran's Day holiday with us, were:

- Navy - **James Long** (OK);
- Air Force - **Tony Davis** (AR) & **Charles Davis** (TX);
- Marine Corp - **Pat Bellisario** (AR) ;
- Army - **Johnny Tarrant, CJ Whitworth, Jonathan Carlson, Ethan Payne, Brandon Hilliard** (all AR).

Team ARMY (using top 3 scores) won the Golden Eagle, perpetual trophy. We look forward to another branch competition perhaps near Veteran's Day 2018.

"Feud" Correction

October's 2nd annual Friendly Feud, while it may be the last such border-to-border competition, and not the event anticipated, was in no way a "failure" as reported in the Nov 1st OCM. Instead, it was an event where all 18 players had a very fun time, played 192 rated games across three fast time controls, and the TD adapted the event to adjust for the overlapping OSCO schedule that pulled away many expected Oklahoma youth. By adding an AR only section for the lower rated AR players and prizes specifically for them, the TD was able to maintain the OK vs AR Feud element for the top section and create a win/win situation for all players. This year, Team OK again went ahead 1.5 points after the first time control (G/20. 8.5pts OK vs. 7 pts. AR), but unlike last year, AR players, came back and pulled ahead after scoring 11.5 vs Ok 8.5 in G/10. Then, Arkansas capped off their lead with 12 pts vs OK 10.5 in the G/5 rounds to win back the travelling trophy box, which we are told is on its way travelling back to Arkansas.

Final score: 30.5 Arkansas - Oklahoma 27.5.

As TD, I did adjust the state vs state Feud element to count only Top 3 scores, rather than planned Top 4 scores, in that top section, to balance for the lower than expected OK participation and keep things "Friendly" for this 2nd annual Friendly Feud. We wanted a fair competition even with the light turnout so I was happy to adjust to 3 boards.

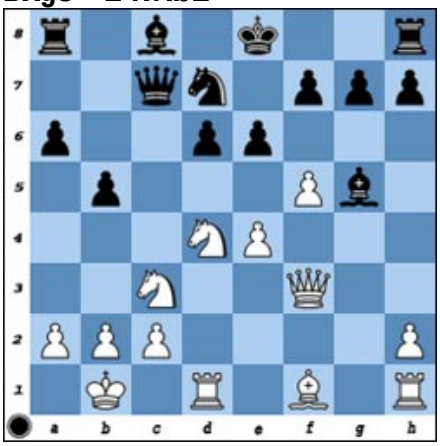
Ed, James, Steven, and Karis at the Feud!

TB- Indeed, Harold Brown did tell me everyone had a good time despite the low Okie turnout that altered the team scoring plans.

For more photos than shown here, visit the Westark Chess Club's Facebook online ALBUM: https://www.facebook.com/pg/WestarkChessClub/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1500920406611983 Feel free to 'like' us!

FROM THE STEVE WHARRY CLASSIC:

Patel, Advait (2565) –
Langer, Michael (2311) [B99]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (4.1), 26.11.2017
[TB]
The key matchup of the tournament led to an exciting theoretical battle in the main line of the Najdorf...
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7
The two masters have selected one of the oldest main lines of the Sicilian Najdorf, which dates back to the '50s and was popular in the '70s when I was growing up. **13.f5 Bxg5+ 14.Kb1**



14... Ne5
This is the most popular choice here.
[An important game for me in my earlier career was this win at the 1977 U.S. Junior Open, where I gave back the pawn immediately: 14...0-0 15.fxe6 Nb6!? 16.Bh3 Bf6 17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.Nf5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Bxf5 21.Bxf5 Rf6 22.Bh3 Re8 23.Rhe1 Re5 24.Bg2 Rh5 25.h3 Nc4 26.Re2 Re6 27.Rf1 Rg5 28.Rff2 Rg3 29.e5 dxe5 30.a4 Rd6 31.axb5 axb5 32.Kc1 Rxc3 33.Rf3 Rxf3 34.Bxf3 Kf7 35.Be4 g6 36.Bd3 Ke6 37.Rf2 Ra6 38.Kd1 Ra1+ 39.Ke2 Rh1 40.Rf3 Rh2+ 41.Rf2 Rxh3 42.Rg2 e4 43.Bxc4+ bxc4 44.Rg5 c3 45.Rc5 Kd6 46.Ra5 Ke6 47.Rc5 Rf3 48.Rc7 h5 49.Rg7 Kf5 0-1 Anderson, A (2100) -Braunlich,T (1800) 1977;

I scored many similar wins with black in later games with this line.
However, after this 14...0-0 15.fxe6 Nb6 GM Parimargin Negi in his influential new book "1.e4 vs the Sicilian" analyzed this and says "White emerges on top with a bit of precision..." and gives this mind-boggling long variation: 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 fxe6 18.Qg4 e5 19.Qxg5 exd4 20.Bd3 g6 Planning ...Bf5. 21.Rhf1 Qg7 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Bxg6! hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Qg7 25.Qe8+ Kh7 26.Rf1 Kh6 27.Qe1 Qg5 28.Rf8 b4 29.Qf2! Ra7 *(29...Qe7 30.Rh8+ Kg7 31.Qxd4+ Qe5 32.Qh4)* 30.Rxc8 Rf7 31.Rh8+ Kg7 32.Rh7+! Kxh7 33.Qxf7+ Kh6 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.a3 b3 36.Qd7+ Kg6 37.Qxd6+ Kh5 38.Qg3 bxc2+ 39.Kxc2 Qxd5 40.h4 and white should win this pawn-up queen ending! That is a "bit of precision" all right!]
15.Qh5 Qe7 16.Nxe6
The players were moving quickly so they are no doubt both still in book here. **16...Bxe6 17.fxe6 g6** [17...0-0 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.Bh3 is good for white.] **18.exf7+ Kxf7**
Yes, we are still in theory... in fact there have been over 200 master games here in my incomplete database.
19.Qe2 [Patel's move is slightly more popular than the alternative Negi prefers -- 19.Qh3 It proceeds similarly to the game with 19...Kg7 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Be2 "Black has an unpleasant defensive task, especially for an over-the-board player." Negi.] **19...Kg7 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Qe1** I like this move. It prepares the advance of the h-pawn and clears development for the white bishop. The Q can also go to c3 or g3. Theory was running out for the players around here I believe, although my database still has 10 games with this position!

For DECEMBER 2017

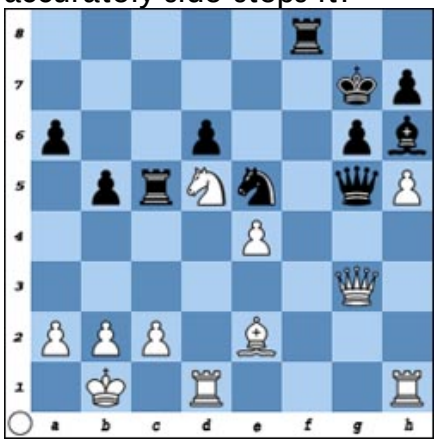
Top 25 Active Oklahoma Players				
	Player	This Month	Change +/-	
1	Advait Patel	2602	+34	
2	Daniel Ng	2273	0	
3	Howard Zhong	2265	0	
4	Mark Hulsey	2221	0	
5	Tom Braunlich	2209	0	
6	Tom Amburn	2200	0	
7	Sergey Galant	2188	0	
8	Joshua Alexander	2142	0	
9	Chibuzo C Ilonze	2135	-7	
10	Anthony Paolercio	2106	0	
11	Chuck Johnson	2087	0	
12	John Cope	2084	0	
13	James Tyner	2074	0	
14	Tom Patton	2068	0	
15	David Luscomb	2068	0	
16	Charles D Unruh	2062	0	
17	Michael Nugent	2056	0	
18	Matt Dalthorp	2051	0	▲
19	Veronika Zilajeva	2047	-6	▼
20	Adonis Turner	2047	new	▲
21	Logan Zachare	2042	0	▲
22	Charles M Unruh	2039	0	
23	James Long	2033	20	▲
24	Alan Islas	2024	0	
25	Shaun G-Bowcaster	2001	0	

Player of the Month

ADVAIT PATEL

Winning a strong GM tournament outright and securing his 2nd GM norm, the 11th-grader from Midwest City is on a roll.

21...Rc8 [I would definitely play 21...Bh4 to stop h2-h4. I'm tempted to give ...Rc8 a "dubious" mark, but won't since I don't know what I'm talking about here. Obviously Langer has studied these positions and has a certain defensive setup in mind with his bishop on h6 as we see in the game. But Patel is able to breech this setup. After ...Bh4 the game might go 22.Qc3 Qc8 23.Qe3 Rf8 24.Bh3 Qc6 and again white has some edge. But it seems to me black's king is safer than in the game.] **22.h4 Bh6 23.Be2 Rf8 24.h5 Rc5** [24...g5 comes to mind but can't be good, weakening f5 horribly, i.e. 25.Ne3 Qc7 26.c3 Qd7 27.Rf1 *(*Not allowing the exchange sac *27.Nf5+ Rxf5)* 27...Rxf1 28.Qxf1 Rf8 29.Nf5+ Kh8 30.Qg2 Rxf5 31.exf5 Qxf5+ 32.Ka1 and white is winning.] **25.Qg3 Qg5** Maybe black was pinning his hopes on this move, but Patel accurately side-steps it.



26.Qh2! Rfc8 This is probably a mistake, as the possibility of Ne7 hitting this rook and going to f5 is in the air now. But the computer thinks white is winning anyway: [26...a5 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Rhg1 *(28.Rdg1 Qd2)* 28...Qd8 29.Rg2 b4 30.Rh1 Rh8 31.Qg3 Qe8 32.Bh5 etc.] **27.c3 Nf7** [27...a5 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Rdg1 Qd2 30.Ne7 shows the difficulties black is up against. This strong Nd5 is always threatening to jump into e7.] **28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Rdg1 Qe5 30.Qxe5+ dxe5** [Unfortunately 30...Nxe5 loses material to 31.Ne7 Rf8 32.Nf5+] **31.Ne7 R8c7 32.Rxg6+ Kh7 33.Re6** Patel makes beating the Najdorf look easy in this game. A nice performance by our future grandmaster... **1-0**

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PUZZLES

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BLACK to move and win. (Easy)

WHITE to move and win. (Difficult)

Two puzzles this month from the late grandmaster William Lombardy…

Patton, Tom (2068) –
Turner, Adonis (2037) [A48]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (5.3), 26.11.2017
[TB]

A positional battle between these two experts that suddenly gets very tactical in a double-rook endgame.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d6 This is a solid and good way to play against white's setup. This pawn keeps control of e5 and will eventually support an equalizing thrust with ...e7-e5.

6.Ngf3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.a4 Nbd7 9.a5 c5 10.c3 Qc7 11.Qa4 e5 Threat...e4 **12.dxe5** [12.e4 looks more aggressive, but then black is fine after something like 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Rac8 14.a6 Ba8 15.d5!? Nc5 16.Qa3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Nh5 followed by ...f5 and I think white's center bulwark is going to fall apart when the B on a8 will return to play with a vengeance.] **12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5** [White goes for simply trying to establish a favorable pawn structure and piece imbalance. An alternative was a Q swing to the kingside: 13.Be2 Bc6 14.Qh4 etc. But it is hard to believe this would amount to anything.] **13...dxe5 14.Bxf6** I would bet that Tom already was anticipating his 19th move in the upcoming sequence of exchanges and thought it would give him a good knight vs bad bishop ending. **14...Bxf6 15.Be4 Rfd8 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.Qe4 Qxe4** [This is cooperating with white's idea, but apparently Adonis was not concerned about it anyway. I would have considered instead: 17...Rab8 18.Qxb7 Rxb7 19.axb6 axb6 20.Ne4 Be7 and here, the same maneuver as in the game -- 21.c4 would be met by 21...b5 with a small edge for black. Meanwhile black is threatening expansion with ...f5 and has at least an equal game.] **18.Nxe4 Be7 19.c4 f5 20.Nc3** So white has achieved his idea of outposting a N on the d5 hole. Will it be enough? **20...bxa5** [An interesting decision by Adonis. Apparently he would rather have a weakness on a7 as opposed to one on b6 that will be in range of white's N on d5. But splitting the queenside pawns like this may be regretted in the long run. 20...e4?! would only be good if black's bishop was already on the long diagonal (i.e.

Answers to the Puzzles

(1) **1...Rf1+!** and mate next move with the queen. Keto-Lombardy, Leningrad 1960.

(2) Lombardy-Kramer. NYC 1957.
The key to this position is to realize that black's Q is actually pinned. If it were to move away for any reason, such as ...Qb6, white would have mate in two: Qxf8+ followed by Re8 mate. Black's Q is also the only thing guarding black's bishop. How can white exploit this?

The answer is 1. Bc6! Because of the above-mentioned pin, black can't capture this bishop and meanwhile white now threatens Qxa6 as well as Bxd7. Black resigned here. If 1...Qxa3 then Rxa3 renews the attack on a6 and wins at least the exchange.

on g7), but as is 21.Nd5 Kf7 22.f3 gives white an edge.; I think black should postpone decisions and just bring up his king: 20...Kf7 21.axb6 *(21.Nd5 b5=)* 21...axb6 22.Nd5 Rdb8 This move holds everything unless white wants to grab a pawn and give black an active rook with lots of compensation: 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.Nxb6 Rb8 25.Nd7 Rxb2 26.Nxe5+ Kf6 27.f4 Re2 28.Rf3 Bd6 29.Kf1 Rc2 etc.]
21.Nd5 Rd7 22.Rxa5 Rb8 Black must strive for activity! **23.Rxc5! Rxb2! 24.Nxe7+** [Tom must have been reluctant to give up the pride of his position, but the knight's outpost has become shaky and if black is able to put his B on d8 it will effectively contain the N and allow his passed a-pawn to become a serious threat. For example: 24.Rc8+ Kf7 25.Rc1 a5 26.Ra8 Bd8]
24...Rxe7
So what is going on with this double-rook ending? The computer would just say "=" but for humans there is still lots of interesting play here -- as the continuation demonstrates with some flashy tactics possible. White has back rank issues, which he will have to spend a tempo at least to solve, but black is weak on his second rank and you can picture the havoc that would result if both white rooks get active there. Black's passed pawn is further "outside", and his king is closer to stopping white's passer -- both small advantages.
25.Rd1 Playing for a win by grabbing the open file. Ra1 instead would have been drawish.

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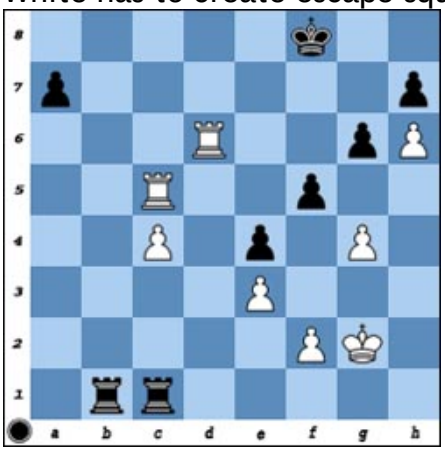
25...Rc2 26.g3 e4 27.h4 Rb7 28.h5 Kg7 29.Rd6!? [Both players were getting into time trouble here. Tom is rolling the dice with this move -- which aims to target g6 -- and we get to see some nice endgame tactics. Instead he could keep his back rank defended with 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Rb5 Rc7 *(30...Rxb5 31.cxb5 Rb2 32.Rd7+=)* 31.Rd6 targeting g6 31...R2xc4 32.Ra5 Kh7 33.Raa6 Rg7 and black is tied up with a draw likely.] **29...Rb1+ 30.Kg2 Rcc1**
Trouble looms. Black threatens mate. White doesn't have mate himself, as there is an escape square on h6. Tom had anticipated this and had a plan, but...
31.h6+ Kf8! [Perhaps Tom had only anticipated 31...Kxh6 32.Rxf5 with continuing play, about equal. But the king retreat is possible now — white doesn't quite have mate this move, but he can't spend a move to set it up because black threatens mate himself!] **32.g4**
White has to create escape squares.



32...Rg1+?
A natural move, but missing his chance. The computer showed a very nice win for black here: 32...g5! shutting off those escape squares again. 33.Rxf5+ *(33.f3 Rc2+ 34.Kg3 Rg1+ 35.Kh3 fxg4+ 36.fxg4 Re1!)* 33...Ke7 and black threatens both mate and the unfortunate rook on d6. White would have to try 34.Rxg5 but 34...Kxd6 35.Rg7 Rg1+ 36.Kh3 Rh1+ 37.Kg3 Rxh6 wins easily.
33.Kh2?
Another interesting mistake. Correct was 33.Kh3 and if now 33...g5 34.f3! saves white! (This move didn't work before.)
33...Ke7?
Missing another chance. Now 33...f4! wins, by again blocking those escape squares. 34.exf4 Rh1+ 35.Kg2 Rbg1#; Note also that the obvious 33...Rxg4 loses time and is not enough to win -- 34.Rd7 will force black to give perpetual check.
34.Rcd5 [34.Rcc6 threatens perpetual check and would force a draw.] **34...Rxg4 35.c5**
Now white has no perpetual as there is an escape square on g5. But white's c-pawn is looking dangerous! **35...Rb2 36.Rd2 Rh4+ 37.Kg3?!** [Tempting fate one last time. Was white trying to win? 37.Kg2= would prevent black's rook from returning to get behind white's passed pawn.] **37...Rg4+** [37...Rxd2 38.Rxd2 Rh1 39.c6 Rg1+ 40.Kh2 *(40.Kf4? Ke6!* mates!*)* 40...Rc1 41.Rd7+ Kf6 42.Rxh7 Rxc6 43.Rxa7 Kg5 44.h7 Rc8 and after all this we end up with a drawish ending anyway.] **38.Kh2 Rh4+ 39.Kg3 Rg4+ 40.Kh2 ½ - ½**

Szabad,Istvan (1499) - Wang,Oscar (1480) [B34]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 - Reserve (5.2), 26.11.2017
[TB]
Young Oscar Wang, who has been winning a lot of the section prizes in tournaments lately, was having a bad tournament up until this game, playing very impatiently. But here he plays a nice one against a veteran adult player to end the last round with a success.
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.c3 This is actually the second most common move here, but it doesn't score well in the database. The pawn move frustrates black's bishop, but also makes white's development awkward. **6...Nf6 7.Qc2 d5** Black is already a little better here now. Oscar's play in the upcoming middlegame is quite good for his age! **8.Bd3 Ng4 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bf4** [10.Bd4 0ñ0 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 is preferable, but still better for black.]
10...e5 11.Bg3 The B is misplaced here.

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PATEL EARNS SECOND GM NORM

IM Advait Patel of Midwest City, OK, won the grandmaster-filled 2017 UTDallas Fall FIDE norm tournament, November 17-22, 2017, sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas, with a 7-2 score! This fine result gave the 15-year-old a second grandmaster norm.

His performance put him ahead of other American stars his age including Jeffery Xiong, Sam Sevian, Ruifeng Li, and Akshat Chandra; not to mention the many UTD grandmasters present and assorted other GMs! He had draws with Xiong and GM Timur Gareyev, plus wins over Li, and four other GMs like veteran Eugene Perelshteyn. His only loss was to GM Gil Popilski.

IM Advait Patel presented the trophy by IA Franc Guadalupe.

You can see live video commentary of the tournament on UT Dallas' livestream video channel here:
https://livestream.com/accounts/10713951/events/7939917

His exciting last-round win over Ruifeng Li is "Game of the Month" this month, and here is another victory over a GM:

Javakhadze, Z (2452) –
Patel, Advait (2449) [A36]
UT Dallas Fall Open 2017 Dallas USA (8.4), 21.11.2017 *[TB]*
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.e3 e6 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.Nf4 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Rb8 10.d3 b6 11.Qe2 Nb4 12.Rd1 d5 13.cxd5 e5 14.Nh3 Nexd5 15.Bd2 Nc7 16.Be1 a5 17.f4 Ba6 18.Nf2 exf4 19.gxf4 Re8 20.Rac1 Qe7 21.Nce4 f5 22.Ng5 Nbd5 23.Qc2 h6 24.Qb3 hxg5 25.Bxd5+ Nxd5 26.Qxd5+ Kh8 27.Bc3 Bb7 28.Bxg7+ Qxg7 29.Qd6 Rbd8 30.Qxb6 gxf4 31.e4 Qe7 32.Qxc5 Qg5+ 33.Kh1 Qf6 34.Qxa5 Rd4 35.Rc7 Ba8 36.Rdc1 Rxd3! 37.Rc8 [37.Nxd3? Bxe4+ 38.Kg1 Qg5+ 39.Kf2 Qg2+ 40.Ke1 Bxd3+] **37...Rd1+! 38.Nxd1 Bxe4+ 39.Kg1 Qg5+ 40.Kf2 Qh4+ 41.Ke2?** [41.Kg1 Qg4+ 42.Kf2 black has nothing better than a draw. Instead the Georgian GM overlooks something in an attempt to win.] **41...f3+ 42.Ke3 f4+!** Maybe this is what he overlooked. White is now going to have to step onto the c-file and lose his c8 rook with check. **43.Kd2** [43.Kd4 Qf6+ leads to the same result.] **43...Qxh2+ 44.Kc3 Rxc8+ 45.Kb3 Rxc1 46.Qe5+ Kh7 47.Qxe4 Rxd1 0-1**

FRANK K BERRY ESTATE CASE TRIAL: JUDGE DECIDES IN FAVOR OF JIM BERRY

When Frank Berry passed away on June 6, 2016, he left no will, and his twin brother Jim Berry claimed the inheritance of his considerable estate. But Lauretha K. Martin, who had resided with Frank in Stillwater since 2002 in his home, disputed this. They were not married, but she claimed common-law wife status.

On November 3, 2017, in the District Court of Payne County, Judge Katherine Thomas

decided that Ms. Martin had not met her "obligation to show by clear and convincing evidence that she and Mr. Berry established a common-law marriage."

The suit took over a year to come to trial, and at one point Ms. Martin had refused a settlement offer. The trial occurred finally in late August and lasted about a week, with many witnesses on both sides. The judge released her decision in November, however the case has been appealed and still may take further time to resolve.

"ELEVATE CHESS" PRESS RELEASE FROM THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Department of Education on Nov 10, 2017, release a PR document praising scholastic chess for building "Positive school culture and cognitive skills for life." It featured the chess success at the Ida Freeman School chess program, which has for 20 years now been run by David Nichols. The school principal is quoted as saying, "Chess is our football." Read it at this link:

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ELEVATE: 'Chess Is Our Football'

Game builds positive school culture, cognitive skills for life

OKLAHOMA CITY (Nov. 10, 2017) – Max Sartin's hobby helps him focus, but that's not why he plays.

"I like chess because it's a mini-game of fighting," the first-grader said, rearranging plastic arms and legs to transmute his Transformer from robot to vehicle as he waited for the second round in the tournament to begin.

In Max's mind, the kings and queens wield bows and arrows as he calculates their advance toward each other on the board. When he plays against his grandpa at home, he usually wins. "It's kind of like you're playing a math problem," he says.

Rebecca Rutledge is with Lin Liu.
November 12 at 5:21pm ·

Great moments in chess:

Max just won his last round. When I caught up with him afterwards, he said, "I did that thing Jim Huang did."

I figured he was about to tell me about some combination Jim had played in one of their matches.

"I walked over and told his mom how good he played."

Max knows how it feels to play your hardest and get beat. Today he remembered something he learned from a teen he admires, something he could emulate to make another kid feel better. I'm glad he told me about it, and I'm grateful to Jim for being the kind of kid Max can look up to. ❤

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THAT THING JIM HUANG DID

Spotted on Facebook: this post by Rebecca Rutledge about her son Max Barnes and his friend Jim Huang, both of whom are among our most promising young players.

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IM Patel, Advait (2449) –
GM Li, Ruifeng (2570) [B00]
UTDallas FIDE Fall Open (9.2), 22.11.2017
[Braunlich]

Going into the last round, Patel was tied with Jeffrey Xiong for first place, and Ruifeng was a half-point behind. Advait had already clinched his GM norm with three wins in a row. So why not take advantage of the fact his opponent had to play for a win, and try to win himself? GM V. Akobian was commenting live on this game on the internet, and I took several of my comments from his remarks...

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6

This is not a theoretically good line, but Carlsen has played it lately. Li appears to be trying to get Patel out of book early.

4.d5 Nb8 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.c4 Na6 9.Nc3 e5

"Patel has a King's Indian position with a little bit extra tempo here." -- V. Akobian says in the video coverage. Black's N is heading to c5 as usual, but normally it gets there in two moves, rather than four moves as we have here. On the other hand, white has had to commit to closing the center, which tends to slow the play such that a tempo loss is not fully critical.

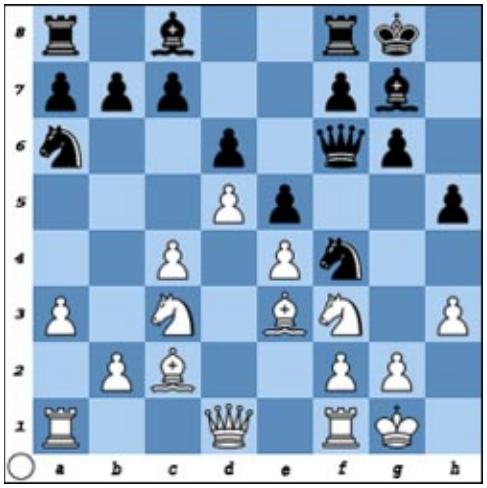
10.a3 Nh5 11.Re1 Nf4

This is a typical KID maneuver, as white doesn't want to give up his good B for this knight, and even if he did and later won the pawn on f4 black would have plenty of compensation in his good Indian Bishop.

12.Bc2 Qf6

Trying to create tactics. "Positionally white is doing great here." (Akobian).

13.Be3 h5



14.Nh2!

Akobian questions this move and suggest white "stay consistent with the program" and play the normal pawn march here -- b2-b4 followed by c4-c5 etc.

But Patel is using ***prophylaxis***, preparing to meet black's idea of -g5-g4, which makes sense given white's positional edge. This is very sophisticated play and works beautifully as Akobian later admitted -- shades of Nimzovich and Petrosian!

Li continues trying to stir up tactics, and Patel continues to snuff them out in advance...

14...Bh6 15.Kh1! Qg7!?

[15...Qg5 16.g3 Bxh3 17.Rg1 and white is ready to just take the pinned knight.; 15...Bd7 16.Qd2 Now counter-threats like g2-g3 are starting to appear. 16...Rfd8!? (16...g5 17.b4 Bg7 *(17...g4 18.g3)* 18.Rac1±) 17.g3 Nxh3 18.Bxh6 g5! 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Qxg5+ Nxg5 21.f4±; 15...Nc5 to get the N back into the game makes sense but is slow and again white is better. 16.b4 Nd7]

16.b4 f5 17.Rc1±

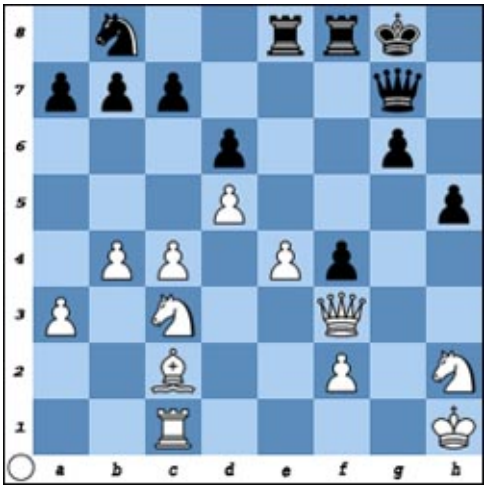
White is now prepared for c4-c5 and essentially has a great KID position. Black's N is awkward on a6 to boot, and black's counterplay on the kingside looks too slow. 17...fxe4 is met by Nxe4 with a very solid N that both defends while also attacks d6.

17...Nxh3!?

Li decides to sacrifice rather than wait for white to play c5 and dominate the game with his initiative. "I was pretty sure he was going to sacrifice," Patel said after the game. "I've

played him many times and he always sacrifices; and it often worked against me." **18.gxh3**
[18.Bxh6 Nxf2+ 19.Kg1 Qxh6 20.Kxf2 f4!? looks like an interesting chance for black, although the computer doesn't like it of course.] **18...f4 19.Bd2 Bxh3 20.Rg1**
[Akobian was adamant that 20.Qf3 was correct here, winning a tempo and blocking black's f-pawn's further advance. "You just put your rook on g1 and play c5." 20...Bd7 21.Ba4 trading off one of the attackers, is then surely very strong for white, even more than Rg1.] **20...f3! 21.Rg3 Bg2+ 22.Kg1**
Advait has picked a creative defensive setup with the R on g3, but it is vulnerable there to ...h4 or ...Bf4. The computer still likes white but black does have pretty good practical chances here.
22...Bf4

23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Rxf3 Bxf3 25.Qxf3
Advait broke the attack by giving back an exchange and the material now is about even, but white retains all the trumps. His king is safe, his pawns are still ready to roll, and his knight is buying a ticket to journey to e6, after which white will clearly be winning. Black needs to get his own knight to e5, but it takes a long time...
25...Rae8
[25...Nb8 26.e5! is strong.]
26.Kh1 Nb8



27.e5!
[I would have played 27.Ba4 to stop Nd7, but Advait's alert move is much better. With two pieces for a rook, it's the synergy the pieces can create together that makes the winning combination, and by clearing the e4 square and long white diagonal white's pieces flow forward with a strong initiative at the cost of just his backward pawn.]
27...Rxe5 28.Rg1
Attacking g6.
28...Rf6 29.Qh3! [29.Ne4] **29...g5!?**
[The knights are poised to invade. For example... 29...Nd7 30.Ne4 Rff5 31.Nf3 Re8 32.Nh4] **30.Ne4** [30.Qxh5 was recommended as a simpler way to win by Akobian, but the computer disagrees...]
30...Rg6 31.Nf3 g4 32.Nxe5! Qxe5 33.Qh4 Kf7?
[33...Nd7 was the best try although it allows 34.Nc5! Nf8 35.Bxg6 Nxg6 and white is up a rook -- but here, with just two pawns for the rook, the computer says black has chances for perpetuals against white's vulnerable king. One line: 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Ne6+ Kh6 38.Rf1 *(38.Kh2? g3+ 39.fxg3 fxg3+ 40.Rxg3 Qe2+ 41.Rg2 Qe5+* and amazingly it is a perpetual.*)* 38...g3 39.Qg8! h4 40.Nf8! trades and wins.]
34.Qd8 Attacking the hapless black knight and forcing a queen trade that leave white a piece up.
34...Qe7 35.Qxe7+ Kxe7 36.Re1
The danger is now passed for white. Black has two passed pawns for the piece, but no real threats and we get to see Advait's technique...

and he still has 20 minutes left on his clock!
36...Kf7 37.c5 Rh6 38.Ng5+ Kf6 39.Ne6 Nd7 40.Nxc7 dxc5 41.Re6+ Kg5 42.Rxh6 Kxh6 43.Bf5
[More accurate was the same idea but attacking the N from the other side with 43.Ba4 cxb4 44.axb4 Ne5 45.d6 Kg6 46.d7 etc. In the game black wins a tempo on the exposed B on f5 to bring his king back for defense.]
43...cxb4 44.axb4 Ne5 45.d6 Nf7 46.d7 Kg5 47.Be4 Kf6
[47...Nd8 looks more resilient. But no doubt Li felt white had an easy win in the long run so he went for some tricks. After ...Nd8 48.Nb5 a6 49.Nd6 b6 50.Nb7 Kf6 *(50...Ne6 51.Bd5)* 51.Nxd8 Ke7 52.Ne6 Kxd7 53.Nxf4 etc.] **48.Bxb7 Ke7 49.Bc8 f3**
[49...Kd6 50.Ne6! and black is helpless now, since if 50...Kxe6 51.d8Q+]
50.Na6 Ne5 51.Nc5 h4 52.Kh2
Black is in a sort of zugswang here. His knight needs to maintain pressure on d7, and his king and pawns can't really move.
52...g3+ 53.fxg3 f2 54.Ba6 hxg3+ 55.Kxg3 Nc6 56.Bb5 f1Q 57.Bxf1 Nxb4 58.Bb5
1-0

Black can't stop the knight moving now to escort the pawn to d8, i.e. 58...a6 59. Ne6 wins.

Thus the 25th seed wins the tournament!
"My technique wasn't very good." was the first thing Advait said in the post-game interview.
As it happens, Jeffery Xiong was only able to draw his game on board one, and thus Patel won the tournament!

Make no mistake, an IM winning this tournament is a huge upset that will turn a lot of heads in the chess world.

"Incredible result for this young player and we are going to have to watch out for him in future tournaments! He is going to have a very bright future." —Akobian

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TULSA, OK WYNDHAM HOTEL

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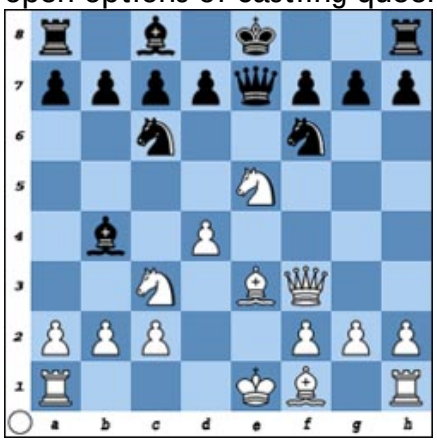
11...Qc7 [11...f5 threatening to win a piece is very strong. 12.f3 *(12.exd5 f4 13.h3 fxg3 14.hxg4 0-0 15.f3 cxd5)* 12...fxe4 13.fxe4 0-0] **12.h3 Nf6 13.Nd2 0-0 14.0-0 Re8 15.Rfe1 Bb7** [15...Nh5 right away is better. The bishop is more useful on its current diagonal, i.e. 16.Bh2 Be6] **16.f3 Nh5 17.Bh2 Bf6!** Nice. Around here young Oscar plays a nice series of mature moves probing white's weaknesses and causing white to advance pawns and thus create worse weaknesses. This is a classic way of playing such positions and shows Oscar continues to improve. Threat now is ...Bh4 and ...Ng3. **18.g3 Bc8!** White just weakened the h3 pawn, so black attacks it! Probably black should first play ...Rad8 then ...Bc8, but it is good Oscar has the right idea and is not afraid of "undeveloping" his bishop. **19.Kg2 Rd8 20.Rad1 Ng7 21.Bg1 Qd7** Prompting more weaknesses. **22.g4 Ne6** Aiming for the new hole on f4. **23.Bh2 Bh4 24.Re2 d4 25.Nc4 f6 26.Qc1? Bg5 27.Nxe5?!** [Istvan loses patience and miscalculates something. 27.Qc2 c5 28.Qb3 Kg7 was white's best chance, but you can already see black only needs to finish development, play ...Bf4 to win f4 for the knight, and break with either ...f5 or ...h5 with an attack on white's very weak dark squares or down the h-file.] **27...fxe5 28.Qc2 Bf4 29.Bc4 Bxh2 30.Kxh2 c5 31.Qd2 Kg7 32.Bd5 Bb7 33.Bxe6 Qxe6 34.Qc1 Rac8 35.b3 Qf7 36.Kg2 c4** [The players were getting into time trouble around here, and young Oscar's technique is rough. He should just continue attacking white's weaknesses, as white doesn't have any counterplay. 36...Rf8 is better, i.e. 37.Rf1 Ba6 38.c4 Bb7 and white is helpless against either a slow buildup attack or trades into an ending.] **37.Qb2 cxb3?** [Missing a tactic with 37...dxc3 that wins a key pawn.] **38.cxd4 Rc2 39.Rxc2 bxc2 40.Qxc2 Rxd4** [He probably shouldn't trade the rook, as it is helpful attacking white's weaknesses on f3 and the 2nd rank. Without a rook, and with little material left it is hard for black to make progress. 40...exd4 41.Qa4 d3 42.Qxa7 Qc7 43.Qe3 Ba6 etc., and the d-pawn is a strength, whereas in the game black loses it.] **41.Rxd4 exd4 42.Qb2 Kg8?** [42...Qd7] **43.Qxd4 Qxa2+ 44.Kg3** Here white has chances for perpetual checks that make it difficult for black. The remaining game was a time scramble that black managed to win. **0-1**

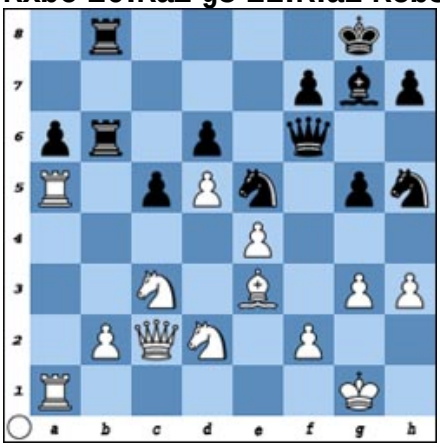
Langer, Michael (2317) –
Long, James (2011) [C47]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (5.2), 26.11.2017
[TB]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 Bb4 [This is relatively rare. Instead common is the "Scotch Four Knights Game" with 4...exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4] **5.Nxe5** [The tempting 5.d5 Ne7 6.Nxe5 d6 7.Nf3 Nxe4 scores well for black.] **5...Nxe4 6.Qf3** [The wild-looking 6.Qg4 actually just leads to an ending that is better for white: 6...Nxc3 7.Qxg7 Qf6 8.Qxf6 Ne4+ 9.c3 Nxf6 10.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 dxc6 But presumably white wants more than this.] **6...Nf6 7.Be3 Qe7** [7...0-0 is more solid. Long wants to keep open options of castling queenside.]



8.0-0-0!? Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qa3+ 10.Kd2 d5 11.Bd3 Be6?! Apparently black still wants to 0-0-0, but this move doesn't look right. [If 11...0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bg5 White starts his attack first.;
Black could consider sacrificing a pawn for attack here with the sequence 11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4+ 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 Be6

The computer likes white here but black should have reasonable practical chances after he castles.] **12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qg3!** Double attack. **13...Qe7** [13...Ne4+ 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxg7 0-0-0 Doesn't seem nearly enough for black.] **14.Qxg7 Rg8 15.Qh6 Rxg2** [I think this is asking for trouble by opening the g-file. Perhaps black should seek counterplay with 15...0-0-0 16.Rhg1 Ne4+ 17.Bxe4 dxe4 The computer says black has nothing after 18.Qxh7 but black again has some practical chances.] **16.Rdg1 Ng4 17.Qf4 Rxg1?** [17...Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Rxg1 19.Rxg1 0-0-0] **18.Rxg1 h5 19.f3 Nf6 20.Qh6 Nd7 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bg6+** [22.Bg6+ Kd8 23.Qh8+ Qf8 24.Bxf6+ wins easily.] **1-0**

Glashausser, Sho (1833) –
Patton, Tom (2068) [A60]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (4.4), 26.11.2017
[TB]
1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Bf4 a6 7.a4 g6 8.Qc2 Bg7 9.e4 0-0 10.Nf3 Re8 11.Be2 Bg4 12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Qe7 14.Nc3 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nh5 16.Be3 Rab8 17.a5 Ne5 18.h3 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Ra2 g5 21.Rfa1 Reb8 22.g3 Qf6



23.Rxa6 Nf4?!
[23...Rxb2! 24.Qd1 Nf4 25.gxf4 gxf4 26. Bxc5? Rxd2!]
24.Rxb6 Rxb6 25.gxf4
[The computer gives this long winning line for white: 25.Ra8+ Bf8 26.h4! h6 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Na4 Rb4 29.Nxc5 Rxb2 30.Qxb2 Nf3+ 31.Nxf3 Qxb2 32.Nd7 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Ng6 34.Nxg5]
25...gxf4 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Na4? [27.Ra8+ Bf8 28.Na4 unclear] **27...Qg5+ 28.Kf1 Rg6** An easy move to overlook. **29.Ke1 Qg1+ 30.Nf1 Nf3+ 0-1**

Kline, Les (1600) –
Berry, Jim (1879) [B08]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (1.9), 25.11.2017
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be3 0-0 6.Qd2 Re8 7.0-0-0 Nbd7 8.h4 b6 9.h5 Bb7 10.hxg6 fxg6 11.Bh6 Bh8 12.Rh4 a5 13.Bc4+ e6 14.Ng5 d5 15.Bd3 c5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ncxe4 dxe4 18.Qf4 Qe7 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 cxd4 21.Bg5 Bxe5 22.Bxe7 Bxf4+ 23.Rxf4 Rxe7 24.a4 Kg7 25.Rh4 e5 26.f4 Rd8 27.fxe5 Nxe5 28.Rdh1 h5 29.Rf1 Ng4 30.Nd2 Re2 31.g3 Rde8 32.Nc4 Rg2 33.Nxb6 Ree2 34.Nd5 Rxc2+ 35.Kb1 Rxb2+ 36.Ka1 Ra2+ 37.Kb1 Rxa4 38.Rc1 Ra3 39.Rc2 Kh6 40.Nf4 Rb3+ 41.Kc1 Rbxg3 and black won **0-1**

Patel, Advait (2565) –
Long, James (2011) [C24]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (2.1), 25.11.2017
[TB]
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.h3 Bf5 12.dxe5 Qxd1 13.Bxd1 0-0-0 14.Bb3 Na5 15.Nbd2 Nxb3 16.axb3 Kb8 17.Nd4 Bc8 18.N2f3 c5? 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Bf4+ Ka8 21.Bc7 [21.Rxa7+ Kxa7 22.Ra1+ Na4 23.Bc7 Bd7] **21...Rxd4 22.cxd4 Nd5 23.Rxa7+ Kxa7 24.Ra1# 1-0**

Zheng, Christine (1787) –
Patel, Advait (2565) [A48]
Steve Wharry Classic 2017 (1.1), 25.11.2017
[TB]
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Be2 c5 6.c3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.h3 Re8 11.Bc4 d5 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Ne5 Nd6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.a4 a5 16.Qb3 c4 17.Qc2 f6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.e4 Rac8 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Bf3 Bf7 22.Re2 f5 23.Rae1 Rcd8 24.g3 e5 25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Bxe5 27.Rd1 Qc5 28.Nf1 Rb8 29.Kg2 Bc7 30.Ne3 Bxg3 31.Nxf5 [31.Kxg3 f4+ 32.Kxf4 Qc7+ 33.Ke4 Re8+ 34.Kd4 Qe5#] **31...Bf4 32.Ng3 Qg5 33.Bg4 Re8 34.Be2 Bd5+ 35.Bf3 Bxf3+ 36.Kxf3 Bxg3 37.fxg3 Re3+ 38.Kf2 Qxg3+ 0-1**